

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3322 - HB 3445

February 26, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates an offense for a person knowingly to sell or deliver with intent to sell any over-the-counter product with more than 100 tablets, or more than three packages, containing a combined total of three grams of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine or related substances or any number of packages of any combination drug containing more than nine grams of such substances. The bill also requires retailers to maintain a purchaser's register and requires display and offering for sale of these drugs behind a counter where the public is not permitted. Retailers are encouraged to participate in the "Meth Watch" program of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. Violation of the provisions would be a Class A misdemeanor punished by fine only in the amount of \$100 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense, and \$2,000 for the third or subsequent offense.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Fiscal impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increase in local government revenues from fines levied and collected under the provisions of the bill. Such impact is not estimated to be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director